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Doubts Remain On U.S. Recovery Economists Fear Relapse Unless Hiring Perks Up

By Louis Uchitelle New York Times Service NEW YORK — For all the robust gains showing up in recent U.S. economic reports, most economists say that the evidence so far is not sufficient to demonstrate that a strong enough recovery is under way to generate job growth.

White Opposition Hints At Shift in South Africa

By David B. Ottaway Washington Post Service JOHANNESBURG — The white opposition Conservative Party debated inconclusively on Thursday whether to end its boycott of constitutional negotiations after its stunning defeat in a whites-only referendum that approved President Frederik W. de Klerk's moves toward a multiracial democracy.

Main Event In America: The Vets vs. Class of '68 For Power

By Richard Reeves Special to the Herald Tribune Paul Tsongas's retreat from the presidential field sets up the political battle the United States has been building toward for more than 20 years. Not George Bush versus Bill Clinton, though that could be interesting enough, but the vets against the baby-boomers.



Paul Tsongas leaving his Boston campaign headquarters Thursday after a meeting with his staff.

Tsongas, Broke, Halts Campaign For Presidency Clinton Virtually Assured Of Democratic Nomination

By Paul F. Horvitz International Herald Tribune WASHINGTON — Paul E. Tsongas, out of money and running a distant second, halted his quest for the presidency on Thursday, leaving Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas as the presumptive Democratic Party nominee to face President George Bush in November.

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nor graciously. The only open question is whether the transaction will take place this year or in 1996. The veterans, roughly representing the 63 million Americans born between 1901 and 1924, have produced eight straight presidents, even one of them officers in World War II.

For Bush, New Risks in Showdown With Saddam

By Patrick E. Tyler New York Times Service WASHINGTON — Although almost no one in the world opposes taking away weapons of mass destruction from Saddam Hussein, the Bush administration's preparations for a new military showdown with Baghdad are fraught with political risks and unpredictable results.

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that participated in last year's successful expulsion of Iraqi forces from Kuwait, to enforce the terms of the cease-fire that ended those hostilities. This time, Mr. Bush is not asking for explicit authority to act. American officials assert that they already have it.

U.S. Warns Americans In Libya: Leave Now

By John M. Goshko Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — The United States on Thursday urged all Americans in Libya to leave before the United Nations Security Council imposes an air embargo that would make it more difficult to get out of the country.

What Election? Britons Seize on Latest Royal Rift

By Craig R. Whitney New York Times Service LONDON — The political future of Britain may be hanging in the balance, the Conservative government lagging in the polls and a general election looming three weeks away, but what the country wanted to know Thursday was only this: Were the Duke and Duchess of York breaking up?



The Duchess of York and her daughter Princess Beatrice returning home to Sunninghill Park on Thursday.

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Israel Bars Gaza Strip Palestinians JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli Army on Thursday indefinitely barred Palestinians living in the occupied Gaza Strip from entering Israel for any reason.

Table with 3 columns: General News, Business/Finance, and Leisure. Includes sub-headers like 'Refugees on the Oktoberfest site focus attention on Germany's asylum policy.' and 'Spain must fight inflation, the OECD said.'

Leisure A major retrospective in Tokyo of the work of Isamu Noguchi highlights a new national trend: Japanese appreciation of Japanese art. Carol Lufy reports.

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After two days of feverish headlines such as "Andrew and Fergie to Part," which bumped the campaign off the front pages of all the tabloid newspapers, Buckingham Palace finally announced Thursday that attorneys for the duchess, the former Sarah Ferguson, had moved for a formal separation from the duke, Prince Andrew, the middle son of Queen Elizabeth II.

ized the following statement to be made. "Last week, lawyers acting for the Duchess of York initiated discussions about a formal separation from the duke and duchess. These discussions are not yet complete and nothing more will be said until they are. The queen hopes that the media will spare the Duke and Duchess of York and their children any intrusion."

guered by so many press and television representatives that the duke has had to ask reporters to move their cars off the grass. Paul Reynolds, the BBC's diplomatic correspondent, reported that at a briefing at Buckingham Palace, officials had asserted that the duchess had employed a public relations firm to leak the news

of the impending separation to the Daily News. "The knives are out for Fergie in the palace," he said. But there was an underlying serious side to the affair. With every marriage in Queen Elizabeth's immediate family, except her own to the Duke of Edinburgh, the king's approval is required.

The United States and its allies failed in an earlier attempt to get a majority of the Security Council to vote for sanctions. But on Jan. 21, the council approved a resolution calling on Libya to provide a "full and effective" response to demands for the surrender of two Libyan agents indicted in the United States and Britain on charges of planting the bomb aboard the Pan Am jet.



# After Buenos Aires, U.S. Fears More Terrorist Attacks

By Don Oberdorfer

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials say they are taking seriously the claim that a radical Lebanese group was behind Tuesday's bomb attack on the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires and are concerned about further attacks.

While making no final judgments about who planned or executed the blast, officials said the claim of responsibility by Islamic Jihad issued in Beirut was being taken at face value.

The statement said the bombing was in retaliation for a Feb. 16 helicopter gunship attack by Israel that killed Sheikh Abbas Musawi, a fundamentalist Shiite Muslim group; his wife; their son, 6, and five bodyguards.

After that attack, a statement issued by a previously unknown group in Lebanon called on Muslims to "strike at Israeli and American interests everywhere."

Argentine immigration officials on Thursday tightened security at border checkpoints to capture those involved in the bombing, Reuters reported from Buenos Aires.

Immigration officials closely screened travelers, and the government sought assistance from U.S. and Israeli intelligence agencies.

[At least 11 Israelis and 10 Argentines were killed in Tuesday's blast, and perhaps half a dozen more lay crushed below tons of debris, investigators told The Associated Press.]

At the time of Sheikh Musawi's killing, the Bush administration expressed concern about "the rising cycle of violence" and, without specific reference to the Shiite leader's death, criticized Israel for using U.S. military equipment in helicopter attacks in southern Lebanon.

On Feb. 19, the State Department issued a public warning that the killing of Sheikh Musawi had "increased the security risk to Americans traveling or residing in Europe, Africa and the Middle East." At the same time, a message urging heightened vigilance was sent to U.S. diplomatic missions worldwide, according to State Department officials.

A second message calling for a higher degree of alert was sent to U.S. posts considered most likely to be targeted, officials said, but these did not include any in Buenos Aires.

Although Argentina has a large Muslim community of Middle East origin as well as a large Jewish community, it has not been the site of Mideast-related terrorist activity, according to U.S. sources. If the attack on the Israeli Embassy proves to have been caused by a suicide bomber, as claimed by Islamic Jihad, it would be a particularly worrisome development, the sources said.

The Hezbollah organization, which has been backed and inspired by Iran, is believed to have cells in many foreign countries, including the United States. But until now the Americans have seen little Hezbollah-related violence.

The Feb. 19 State Department announcement said that there was no information at that time about a specific threat related to Sheikh Musawi's death, but that "it is likely that terrorist events may occur for which we have forewarning."



SUSPENDED SESSION IN HAITI — A senator leaving a parliamentary session in Port-au-Prince on Wednesday after legislators staged a walkout to oppose an accord reinstating the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide as president. The walkout, which stripped the session of a quorum, torpedoed ratification of the accord. Another session to consider the pact might be held later.

# Irate Illinois Voters Shake a Nation of Incumbents

By Edward Walsh

Washington Post Service

CHICAGO — The political earthquake that struck Illinois has sent shock waves across the country, a warning to officeholders on the state and federal levels that a restive and at times angry electorate is in no mood to grant the kind of routine re-election that many incumbents have enjoyed in the past.

"This is a very mean and unforgiving climate for incumbents," said Geoffrey Garin, the pollster for Senator Alan J. Dixon, the most prominent victim of the political carnage in the Illinois Democratic primary on Tuesday.

Others argued that the results here involved much more than simple anti-incumbency. They noted that veteran politicians, such as the Democratic chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Dan Rostenkowski, who campaigned hard and emphasized their local roots and work for constituents, survived serious challenges.

But there was widespread agreement that Mr. Dixon's defeat and that of the Democratic representatives Charles A. Hayes and Gus Savage were irrefutable evidence of the voters' volatile mood.

In Washington, more than a little uneasiness was felt among Republicans as well as Democrats.

"It's no more business as usual, no more status quo," said Les Francis, executive director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which raises money for House candidates.

Alan K. Simpson, the Senate Republican whip, who is from Wyoming, said the results were a "jolt for incumbents" that had a "chilling effect."

By far the most stunning result was Mr. Dixon's loss to Carol Mosley Braun, 44, the Cook County recorder of deeds, who is seeking to become the first black woman elected to the Senate.

Having entered what looked like a hopeless race after Mr. Dixon voted to confirm the Supreme Court nomination of Clarence Thomas, she won overwhelming black support and more than 40 percent of the women's vote. She also carried conservative suburban areas around Chicago.

Mr. Dixon also may have been hurt by the House check-writing scandal, with voters making no distinction between House and Senate members in viewing Congress with contempt.

"It hurt Dixon as much as anything," said an Illinois pollster, J. Michael McKeon.

The end of Mr. Dixon's 43-year political career cheered Illinois Republicans, who said the elimination of the moderate Democrat known here as "Al the Pal" by a liberal black woman vastly increased the chances that the Republican candidate, Richard Williamson, would capture the Senate seat in November.

The notion that Republicans could now gain several Senate seats, and possibly even challenge the Democrats for control, "has more credibility today than it did yesterday," said Senator Charles S. Robb, chairman of the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee.

Senator Phil Gramm of Texas, chairman of the National Republican

Senatorial Committee, agreed. A political consultant, David Axelrod, said: "Even in the incumbent-versus-incumbent races, the incumbent who looked less like a Washington politician won."

He added, "I think there is something going on there."

In one of the races in which redistricting forced Democratic incumbents to run against each other,

Representative William O. Lipinski, who has been described as a sort of elevated Chicago alderman in Congress for his devotion to bringing public works projects to the city, easily defeated Representative Marty Russo, who has a leadership role in the House and a high profile in the debate over national health care.

# Pollution Solution: 'Cash for Clunkers'

By Robert D. Hershey Jr.

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Pressing its drive to cut the cost of complying with government regulation, the Bush administration has announced a series of initiatives in the transportation sector that includes a "cash for clunkers" program, under which states and companies can meet federal clean-air requirements by buying and scrapping the old vehicles that generate the most pollution.

The buy-up program for old cars, to be left largely to market forces under guidelines to be established by the Environmental Protection Agency, could begin within a few months.

But the administration pulled back from a plan to relax fuel-efficiency standards for cars burning cleaner fuels, a fiercely debated issue. Many environmentalists seek to make the current standard of 27.5 miles a gallon (8.5 liters per 100 kilometers) even tougher. The standard is a minimum for the average fuel economy of each auto maker's fleet.

Officials said that this initiative was postponed on technical grounds, but there were also indications of a strenuous internal argument about the wisdom of reducing the standard, which would reportedly fall to an average of 26.5 miles a gallon.

In general, American automakers oppose the standards, which they say force them to skew production to build more small cars and fewer large cars than customers would prefer.

Although Wednesday's initiatives also contained various mea-

sures involving truck and rail transportation and ocean shipping, the bulk of attention centered on the cash-for-clunkers program to get the vehicles that pollute the most off the road.

Under the government program, a power plant or other "stationary source" could buy the right to continue polluting by reducing pollution from vehicles.

As sketched out at a White House briefing, the cash-for-clunkers program would be run by individual states, cities and companies with the aid of federally provided data on the pollution and other characteristics of each kind of car. The main target is the 4 million pre-1971 cars still on the road, but officials said many cars from the 1980s would also likely be bid for.

# 2 Executed Hostages Are Honored by Bush

Reuters

WASHINGTON — President George Bush has posthumously awarded the Presidential Citizen's Medal to William Buckley and Lieutenant Colonel William R. Higgins, who died in captivity in Lebanon.

Mr. Bush presented the medals to families of the two men at a private White House ceremony on Wednesday. Mr. Buckley was the CIA station chief in Lebanon when he was taken hostage by pro-Iranian militants in 1984. Colonel Higgins commanded the UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon when he was captured in 1988.

## D BRIEFS

### Vigil in Cambodia

The United Nations will set up a human rights tribunal to investigate the Khmer Rouge and will punish violators of the 1978 Paris Peace Accords.

### dies Spy-Flight Pact

Members of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe signed a treaty allowing the first arms control agreement between the East and West since the 1978 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

### on Korea Inspection

South Korea agreed Thursday to accept a U.S. nuclear inspection team to investigate the country's nuclear program.

### ache Hits Brazil Ship

At least 55 people were killed and more than 50 were injured when a Brazilian ship was hit by a mine in the Atlantic Ocean.

### roves Farm Seizures

Prosecutors on Thursday announced the seizure of a large quantity of marijuana in a farm in the state of Florida.

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### inks to N.Y. Airport

The Federal Aviation Administration announced Thursday that it will allow airlines to use the New York City airport for international flights.

### Party: It's Vets vs. Class of '68

The vice presidential nomination, saying his economic program, which rejects tax cuts for the middle class, is incompatible with Mr. Clinton's approach to the economy.

### House Post Office Target of Inquiry

WASHINGTON — The head of the U.S. House of Representatives Post Office resigned Thursday following reports of illegal activities at the institution.

### Postmaster Robert V. Rota

made no mention of troubles at the post office in a written statement on his resignation. Three former clerks recently pleaded guilty to embezzlement. A fourth is awaiting trial.

### The Washington Times reported

Thursday that congressional and law enforcement investigators had found that House members cashed personal checks and thousands of dollars in campaign checks at the facility, which operates under contract to the U.S. Postal Service.

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OPINION

They Wrestle Under a Tarp While an Ally Gets Hurt

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Terrorists are blowing up Israeli embassies. A fanatic urged on by Iranian mullahs slashes and kills Israeli schoolchildren. In Washington, George Bush declares that unless Israel knuckles under to his demand that only Arabs and no Jews be permitted to move to the West Bank, refugees from the former Soviet Union will have to shift for themselves.

This terror-bombing, throat-cutting and arm-twisting is supposed to give Israelis the confidence necessary to take risks for peace.

Mr. Bush's unprecedented rejection of humanitarian aid to a democratic ally — while continuing loan guarantees to dictatorships with no strings attached — followed the revelation that his secretary of state said, "(Explosive deleted) the Jews, they don't vote for us anyway."

At a Bush speech the other night, a White House aide sought me out to say, "You know, Baker never said that."

Though constrained by the rules of deep background, I can confirm that Mr. Baker did say that, with the same vulgarity that made it so memorable, to two high officials on two occasions.

President Bush and his top staff know he did it, it has been agreed that everybody would deny it was ever said. But James Baker said it — twice — and meant it. (Years from now, memoirs will confirm this; I'll remind you.)

By extraordinary coincidence, just before the announcement of the Bush decision to scuttle all Senate compromises to house the refugees, a spate of stories was leaked from the State and Defense departments to justify the Bush-Baker intervention in Israel's election.

Defense leaders worked through The Washington Times, which provided a banner headline, "China May Have Patriot From Israel"; State and Defense had been working for six weeks through The Wall Street Journal's Washington bureau, which the next day cited an unnamed official's "overwhelming" evidence that Israel had re-exported U.S. technology. ABC News trumpeted an anonymous allegation about the Copperhead missile.

The Israeli defense minister, Moshe Arens, in Washington to get the bad news on the loan guarantee, said that "there is not a grain of truth" to the missile allegations from ambush.

When he asked Defense Secretary Dick Cheney where this intelligence speculation was coming from about the resale of Patriot missiles, Mr. Cheney told him it was classified.

Mr. Arens offered to take a team of U.S. military men to Israel to count Patriot missiles. But a State Department man was assigned to do the counting, enabling the Joint Chiefs to scoff at the inspection.

When that specific story is laid to rest, it will be discovered that some component of some Israeli missile or tank contains some U.S. technology that some inspector acting at the behest of Mr. Baker, Brent Scowcroft, the national security adviser, or the Joint Chiefs considered unapproved for re-export. A loud "Aha!" will change the subject from the headlines about selling the Patriot.

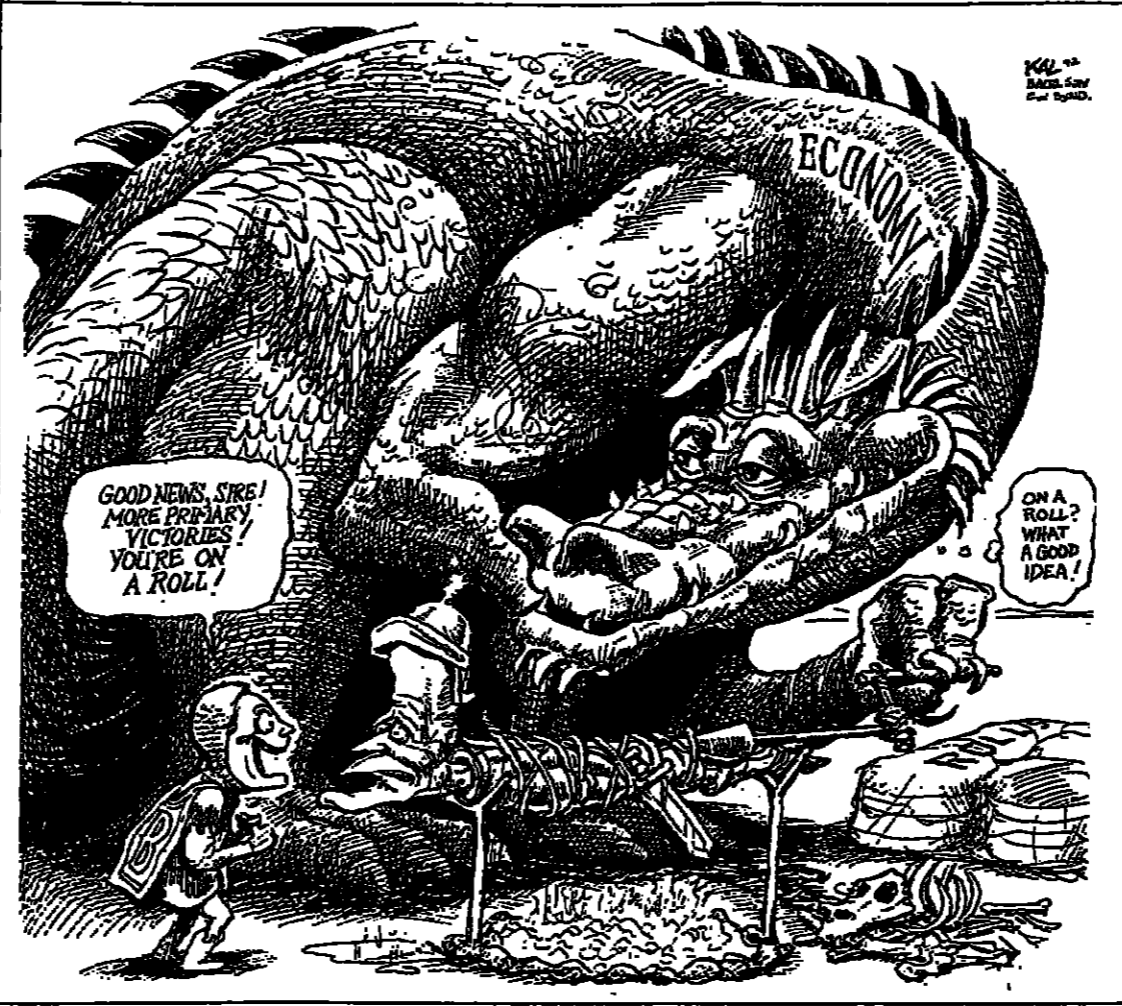
Here is what is going on: We are watching bureaucratic elephants fighting under a huge tarpaulin.

The pro-Israel elephant is part of the technology control establishment at the Pentagon, which fought for decades against accommodating dictators with America's most modern arms; their allies are a handful of State officials at the fringe of policy and a few CIA men who rely on Mossad to fill in gaps in Washington's human intelligence network.

The pro-Arab elephant, embarrassed at having supported Iraq before Kuwait, and irritated at criticism of the intelligence blunder that ended the war prematurely, is out to seize control of mid-level policy planning. It claims Israel took in naive Bill Casey on Iran-contra, and is now emboldened by serving a president who made it a lifelong pro-Arab tilt.

This bureaucratic breakout cries out for a profound study of fault lines and old grudges, of puffed Arabist stalkers and intimidated supporters of Israel. But first, let the Pentagon issue an inventory of Patriot missiles in Israel. Let objective media do the on-site inspecting. Reporters can count.

The New York Times



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Settlements Issue

Regarding "Bush and His Hatchet Men Are Pushing Israel Too Far" (Opinion, March 3) by William Safire:

I was surprised by Mr. Safire's reference to impending pogroms and religious persecution in Russia as one of the reasons why Soviet Jews are "fleeing" the former Soviet Union, as if the Stalinist experiment continues and no changes had taken place at all. His argumentation is especially perplexing in light of recent news that the flow of refugees is actually receding and not swelling to new heights.

He also makes it sound as if Israel were simply a pawn of U.S. policy, always following what Big Brother says. Israel is a democratic sovereign state that will make its own decisions regarding matters which it feels are vital. The Bush administration is simply stating its own interests. Israel has not been "put on a leash" at any time.

CHRISTIAN KOCH, Unterleinleiter, Germany.

Leslie H. Gelb ("Bush Seems to Give Up on Shamir," Opinion, Feb. 26) writes

that Yitzhak Shamir could not or would not accept the Bush-Baker propositions linking the loan guarantees and settlements, so causing the prime minister's defeat or forcing him into a coalition with Yitzhak Rabin, "whom they regard as far more reasonable."

But the Bush-Baker offer cannot be accepted by Mr. Rabin, either. He says he will build new "security" settlements as distinct from "political" ones. He shares Mr. Shamir's view that none of Jerusalem is part of the territories.

Most likely the Bush-Baker propositions will work to Mr. Shamir's advantage. Israeli voters do not appreciate being the object of no-win games.

SUE GOLDEN LERNER, Jerusalem.

By asking for a freeze on Israeli settlement in the occupied territories, the Arab parties to the Middle East peace process and the United States are merely attempting to stabilize conditions on the ground in territories whose status is under negotiation.

A temporary halt, in the context of the peace process, would seem to be a *sin qua non* for any meaningful discussion

Even the wider implications drawn by your contributors could not be said to undermine an Israeli government that truly seeks peace or represents its people, for the land-for-peace formula is favored by a majority of Israelis.

S. el-SAID, London.

'Apartheid' in Japan

Regarding "Japan, Land of Quiet Apartheid" (Meanwhile, March 10) by George Hicks:

In Switzerland, too, a child born to parents who are not citizens is not legally assured of citizenship. And even in the United States all permanent resident aliens are fingerprinted, with the thumbprint then adorning their "green cards."

SRIKANTA MISHRA, Rudolfstetten, Switzerland.

Broaden the Leadership

Regarding the report "U.S. Parties on Uncertain Footing in New World Order" (March 4):

The Bush re-election campaign must

set a clear direction to regain the confidence of the electorate. But the U.S. economy is not self-sufficient. To re-employ American workers, our leadership must become more global. The stimuli for the economy must be an improvement in the standard of living and earning power of the disenfranchised people of the world.

The future of the United States is in its cultural diversity. African-Americans and others who have the requisite openness and cultural flexibility must join other leaders in business and politics. As an African-American adviser on international trade policy, I have offered these observations to President George Bush and to business and political leaders in the United States and abroad.

THOMAS S. WATSON JR., Washington.

Correction

The headline over a letter from Alfred E. Davidson, "Keep 'Em Snooping" (March 13), was misleading. The writer was objecting to the continuance of heavy funding for U.S. intelligence agencies.

She Donned a Leather Jacket To Fly in Convention's Face

By Ellen Goodman

BOSTON — The detectives have come back with their evidence. One rubber heel for a woman's size 9 shoe. A threaded top from a bottle that once held stomach medicine. A piece of aluminum skin from the fuselage of a pre-World War II plane.

These artifacts are now offered up as proof that Amelia Earhart died on an inhospitable atoll in the South Pacific. The 39-year-old pilot and her navigator

leaped into fame as the first woman to fly the Atlantic, she was a passenger.

This tall, curly-haired, flight-jacketed woman who might have passed for Charles Lindbergh's sister quickly came into her own, breaking records and pre-conceptions, showing her strength.

One month, an article appeared saying it couldn't be done: "Why I believe Women Pilots Can't Fly the Atlantic — an outspoken warning by Lady Heath."

The next month she did it, solo. Again and again, she was greeted with the peculiar applause and celebration that we reserve for women who do what we tell them they can't do.

Her personal life was also marked by independence. On the eve of her marriage to Mr. Putnam, who both promoted and pressured her, she wrote "Dear George... I may have to keep some place where I can go to be myself now and then, for I cannot guarantee to endure at all times the confinement of even an attractive cage."

The place Miss Earhart went to most often was the sky. In some ways, her career became being Amelia Earhart. Flying and speaking about flying, flying and writing about it. She made her living from her life, her fame fed by the string of firsts that must have become harder and harder to achieve.

Before she set off for the final trip around the world, weary, underprepared, with a hard-drinking navigator, she told friends that she had just one last big trip in her.

Had she made it home, Miss Earhart might eventually have ended up like the pilot Beryl Markham, living in a bungalow on the edge of a Nairobi race track. Or she may have become an honored foremother of the front of some latter-day parade. Instead she became the heroine, perhaps a touch too romantic, but properly courageous, of any girl who wanted to fly in the face of convention.

"Women must try to do things as men have tried," she wrote in 1935. "When they fail, their failure must be but a challenge to others."

So let the aviation buffs set off again in search of bones and the serial number on a plane. In the end, the mystery of the spirit, the secret of daring, and the puzzle of courage are more intriguing and much harder questions to answer than the whereabouts of a long-lost plane.

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Movement In Mideast Darkness

By Flora Lewis

PARIS — American-Israeli relations are the worst they have been in a long time. There is anger and resentment on both sides. But there is also a sense that this is the dark hour of the Middle East. Many currents are moving in the same direction — a call for a new political order — a call for a new political order — a call for a new political order.

Last year, shortly after the election of Michael Rocard, then premier of France, a meeting was held in Washington from doves in the French Liberation Organization. The meeting was a continuation of the work of the French Liberation Organization. The meeting was a continuation of the work of the French Liberation Organization.

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# China Nods Coolly To U.S. Senate Vote

## Threat of Trade Restrictions Dies

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BEIJING — China reacted coolly on Thursday after the U.S. Senate failed to override President George Bush's veto of legislation that would have required China to release political prisoners, curb arms exports and limit import restrictions if it wanted to keep its favored access to the U.S. market.

The 60-to-38 vote fell six short of the two-thirds majority needed to override Mr. Bush's veto.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Wu Jianmin, said China was not concerned that the Senate vote had been so close.

"We have taken note of the result of the voting by the U.S. Senate," he said at a weekly briefing.

"Unconditional renewal of such treatment is in the national interests of the two countries and conforms with the common aspirations of the peoples of the two countries," Mr. Wu said.

The vote made it unlikely that restrictions would be imposed on



COLOR IT SPRING — A man in New Delhi smearing a mixture of colored powders and water on a companion Thursday as Indians celebrated the Hindu holiday of Holi. The rite, which welcomes spring, also features dancing and carnival-type activities.

# ASIAN TOPICS

## In U.S.-Vietnam Relations, Trip Is a Sign the Chill Is Gone

Three former officials who helped shape U.S. policy on Indochina in the 1970s arrived in Hanoi on Thursday on a private fact-finding mission, a further sign of a thaw between Washington and Vietnam, Reuters reported from Hanoi. They were scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet and other Vietnamese officials.

Richard C. Holbrooke, an assistant secretary of state, led failed secret negotiations in 1977 and '78 aimed at normalizing relations with Vietnam. He is now a managing director of Lehman Brothers, the U.S. investment house.

Peter Tarnoff, now president of the Council on Foreign Relations, served in the U.S. Embassy in Saigon during the Vietnam War and took part, with Mr. Holbrooke, in the 1973 Paris peace talks.

Morton I. Abramowitz, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, was ambassador to Thailand from 1978, when Vietnam invaded Cambodia, until 1981.

The trip is sponsored by Carnegie and the Council on Foreign Relations. The United States has no diplomatic relations with Vietnam and has maintained a trade embargo since 1964.

A State Department official said this week that Assistant Secretary of State Richard H. Solomon's visit March 4 and 5 to Hanoi had pushed relations forward and that Washington was considering easing its embargo.

praises the record of Mitsubishi in such fields as the exploitation of the world's tropical rain forests. "It is not appropriate for a public-service institution to do public relations work for a private firm," a ministry spokesman said.

Environmentalists said the book whitewashed the role of Mitsubishi and other Japanese companies in the destruction of rain forests in Southeast Asia.

## This Mode of Transportation Features the Trunk Up Front

In India, for a taste of maharajah-class travel, call dial-an-*elephant*. Elephants, complete with keeper, are hired for birthday parties, weddings or just as a royal treat for visitors. The cost is from \$60 a day to \$815, depending on the event and the intricacy of the designs painted on the animal's forehead, trunk and ears. Sunder Rajan hired one for his 4-year-old daughter's birthday party. The kids "squealed all through the ride," he said.

Christine Mahoney, an employee of the Australian Embassy in New Delhi, arranged a ride to the airport to bid farewell to a colleague who was leaving India. "It was memorable," she said. "There were six of us drinking champagne and rolling along to the airport slowly. It is not the most comfortable way to travel but it is something different."

Arthur Higbee

# Japan, Seeing Pill As AIDS Promoter, Keeps Ban in Place

By Steven R. Weisman  
New York Times Service

TOKYO — In an unusual attempt to control private behavior, Japan has announced that it will keep a longtime ban on birth control pills, despite findings that the pills are safe.

A government panel said the pill would discourage the use of condoms and lead to an epidemic of AIDS.

Officials in the Health and Welfare Ministry, citing recent reports of increasing numbers of AIDS cases in Japan, said it would be better not to lift the ban on the pill, from "the viewpoint of public hygiene."

The ministry's unusual action Wednesday came in response to what appeared to be the first signs of an AIDS scare in Japan, although the number of victims is low by the standards of other nations.

The ministry said that as of Aug. 31, 1991, there had been 405 cases of AIDS and 1,852 people infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Many health experts say the figures are unreliable because there is very little testing.

News articles have also reported on AIDS among prostitutes in Japan and parts of Southeast Asia visited by Japanese men, many on packaged "sex tours" of brothels.

Men are being warned to use condoms, and many places of prostitution in Japan are barred to foreigners for fear of AIDS.

Nevertheless, the ministry's interdiction on the use of the pill was criticized by some health specialists, who charged that the ban restricted freedom of choice for Japanese women and kept them from a safe and proven means of birth control.

"The decision is not logical," said Takashi Wagatsuma, an obstetrician and gynecologist at the National Medical Center Hospital, who has led the battle for approval of the pill.

"It's also ironic because the Health Ministry has made no effort to educate doctors or lay people about AIDS."

Dr. Wagatsuma said the medical committee of the Japan Family Planning Association and the Japanese Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists might protest the step, but he said he doubted it would be reversed.

Government officials, concerned about the plummeting birth rate — most recently at 1.53 per married couple — have begun encouraging people to have more children and have offered tax incentives.

## 4 Nations Weigh End to Ivory Ban

Agence France-Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Four Southern African nations — Malawi, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia — will meet next month in Namibia to discuss a resumption of trade in elephant ivory in defiance of an international ban, Environment Minister Herbert Murewa of Zimbabwe said Thursday.

Mr. Murewa accused some international environmental organizations of dishonesty and some governments of playing politics in their support for the ban, which was renewed last week at a meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species in Japan.

Mr. Murewa said that the meeting had ignored scientific evidence that the elephant populations in Southern Africa were "not only healthy but growing," and said the integrity of the convention was in question.

## UN Acts to Halt Expulsions of Burmese Muslims

New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York — The United Nations secretary-general, Boutros Boutros Ghali, plans to send an envoy to Southeast Asia early next month in an effort to stop the expulsion of the Muslim minority from Burma to neighboring Bangladesh, diplomats and UN officials said Wednesday.

The envoy, Undersecretary-General Jan Eliasson of Sweden, the senior UN official in charge of humanitarian aid, is expected to travel first to Bangladesh to observe conditions for the growing number of Burmese refugees arriving there.

If Burma's military rulers will meet with him, he will seek to persuade them to stop persecuting the Muslims living in Arakan Province. He will also try to get the junta to take back the more than 150,000 who have fled to Bangladesh since October, apparently to escape a Burmese Army campaign of torture, killing and forced evictions.

Arakan Province is thought to have a population of about 2.2 million, of whom some 1.4 million are Muslims. The office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees has appealed for \$27.5 million in emergency aid for the Burmese refugees.

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By Roger Collis International Herald Tribune. On the whole, it's the mug who pays full whack at a hotel these days...

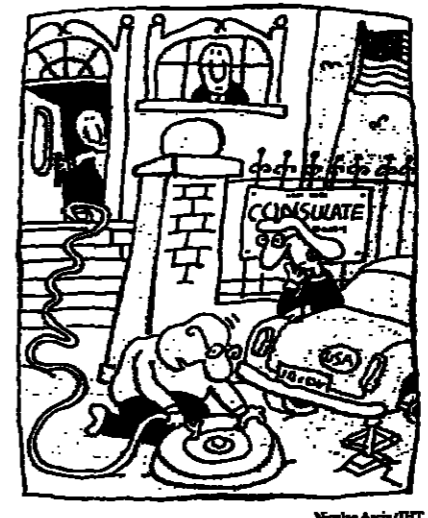
The frequent traveler. Hotel costs can add up to 60 percent of the cost of a trip. But many people are much less efficient at booking hotel rooms than they are at buying airline tickets.

you travel a lot to a particular city, consider patronizing just one hotel. Even 15 to 20 room-nights a year (don't forget meals, entertaining, and conferences) may make you a special customer, especially with a smaller property.

pay in advance. But you can expect discounts of 50 to 60 percent, at least for the first couple of nights. British Airways has a stopover program covering 280 hotels in 80 destinations.

Lost Abroad? Call Consul (Maybe)

By Barbara Rosen. PARIS — Lost your passport in Pakistan? Call the consulate. Need a doctor in Denmark? Try the consulate.



it made back home (at a police station, for instance), or will make a loan against some security (like your passport). But it costs.

Run out of cash in Colombia? Get there to American Express. Like most questions concerning a government's duty to its citizens, especially those involving money, there's a lot of gray area in the relationship between a consulate and the people who seek its help.

installation of a septic tank at her farmhouse in Normandy, Lacey recounts. "We suggested she should contact a local plumber."

Consulates help in cases of accident or death, and in emergency repatriations. When a 22-year-old Belgian-passport-holder, Xavier Leprie, found himself unwelcome in Beijing in June 1989, the Belgian Embassy put him up, fed him, and got him to Thailand on a ticket he repaid a year later.

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BELGIUM

Brussels Musée d'Art Moderne (tel: 513.96.30). To March 29: Paintings and ceramics by Alfred William Finch, the turn-of-the-century Belgian artist whose work was strongly influenced by Seurat.

BRITAIN

London Horniman Museum (tel: 689.18.72). To Aug. 30: "Yoruba, A Celebration of African Art." Display of contemporary wood, textile and painting religious works.

CANADA

Montreal Canadian Center for Architecture (tel: 939.70.00). To May 24: "The Architect's Sketchbook." Exploration of ways in which architects use books as tools in the process of architectural creation.

FRANCE

Paris Artcurial (tel: 42.99.18.16). To March 28: Paintings by Zao Wou-Ki from 1976 to 1991. Bibliothèque Nationale (tel: 47.03.81.10). To May 31: "Les Lauréats de Lautrec." Two hundred and fifty-five prints and posters.

FRANKFURT

Museum für Volkerkunde (tel: 212.333.91). To April 19: "Signs of the Times: Contemporary African Art." Paintings and sculptures from eastern Africa.

ITALY

Pedusa Museo degli Eremitani (tel: 875.1153). To May 17: "From Bellini to Tintoretto." More than 200 paintings by 14th- and 15th-century Paduan masters.

JAPAN

Kyoto National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto (tel: 761.4111). To March 22: "Vincent van Gogh and Japan." An exploration of the influence Japan had on the painter.

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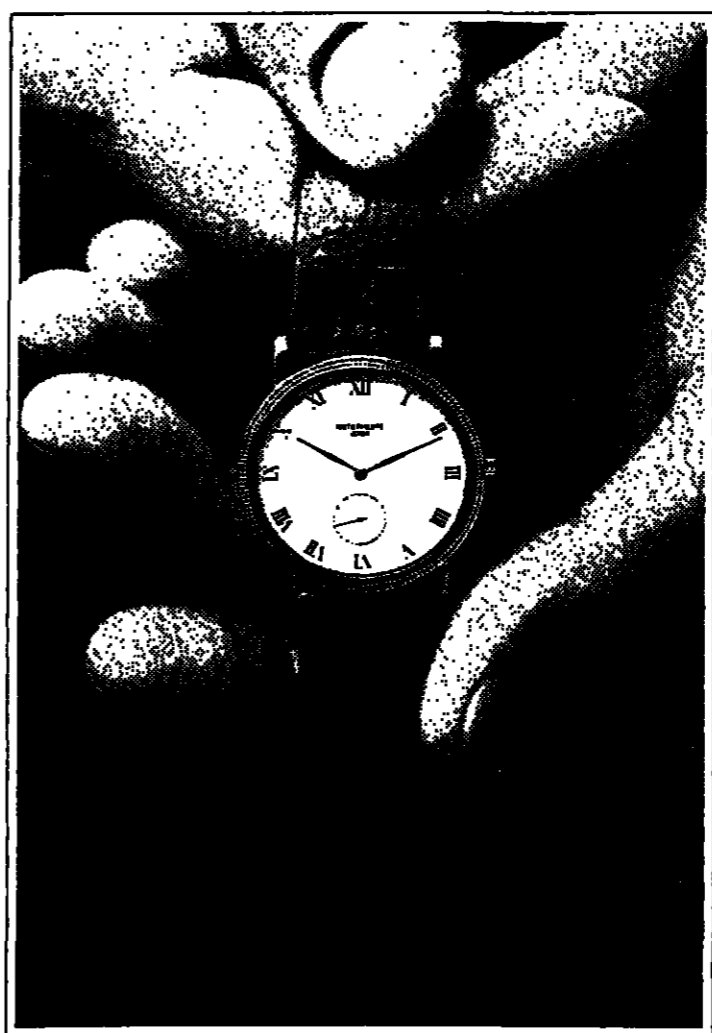
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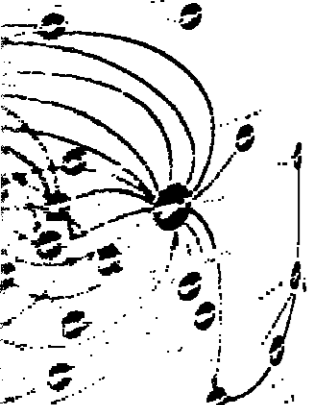
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MARKET DIARY Stocks Are Buoyed By Data and Bonds

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks closed with modest gains Thursday on buoying encouraged by better-than-expected economic news, strong bond prices and the Tokyo stock market's rebound.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which slid 1.79 points Wednesday, rebounded 7.15 to 3,261.40.

Advances topped declines by a 9-7 margin on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume amounted to 197.3 million shares, compared with 192.3 million Wednesday.

Alan Ackerman, executive vice president at Reich & Co., said the market advanced partly in response to the positive economic news and the Tokyo stock market's recovery. But he added: "There's no clear-cut leadership or direction. Economic signals are turning a bit positive, but not enough to confirm that the economy has turned the corner."

Mr. Ackerman also said the triple-switching hour "put a lid on trading. Some investors decided to sit it out." He was referring to Friday's quarterly event, when stock-index futures and options and options on individual stocks expire on the same day, which usually causes volatility in the stock market and inflates volume.

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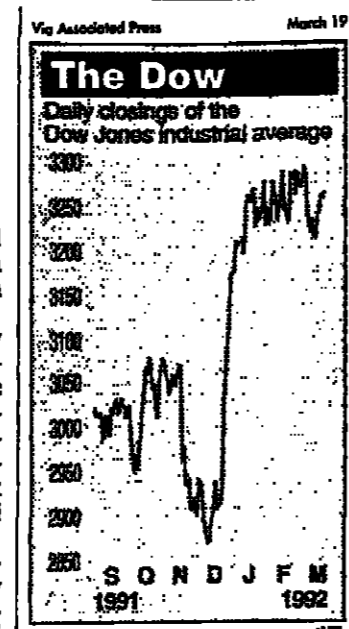
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U.S. Jobless Claims Fell in Week, Trade Deficit Narrowed in January

NEW YORK (HT) — Unemployment claims in the United States fell by 27,000 in the first week of March, the Labor Department reported Thursday, but the improvement was due largely to fewer layoffs among automobile workers.

The auto-producing state of Michigan led the nation in the decline in applications for jobless benefits, to 433,000 in the week ended March 7, a statistical series that has shown no clear trend this year.

The government also reported a continued narrowing of the U.S. merchandise trade deficit, which shrank to \$5.77 billion in January from \$6 billion in December. Exports declined 1 percent, to \$35.54 billion, but imports fell more, slipping 1.4 percent, to \$41.30 billion, largely because of lower oil prices and weak demand that put a lid on volume and prices of imported consumer goods.

Colt Files for Bankruptcy Protection HARTFORD, Connecticut (Reuters) — Colt Manufacturing Co. filed for bankruptcy protection on Thursday, hobbled by weak sales and declining military contracts.

In filing for Chapter 11 protection from creditors in U.S. bankruptcy court, the gun maker obtained a \$10 million package of state and private funding to help it reorganize and save some 925 jobs, said a spokeswoman for the Connecticut state pension agency, a co-owner of the company.

Colt has a 47 percent stake in the company, which was purchased two years ago from Colt Industries by a coalition of striking workers, managers, private investors and the state pension agency.

Apple Raises Damages Sought in Suit SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Apple Computer Inc. has increased the amount it is seeking in copyright-infringement damages from the software giant Microsoft Corp. by more than \$1 billion, to \$5.55 billion, Microsoft said Thursday.

Apple is seeking \$4.37 billion in damages from Microsoft last month in filings in U.S. District Court in San Francisco in connection with its four-year-old copyright suit. The company says Microsoft's Windows graphical interface infringes on Apple's visual displays for its Macintosh personal computer.

Microsoft said Apple had raised its damages claim as a result of revenue information disclosed during the discovery phase of the suit. Microsoft denied that Windows infringed on any Apple copyrights.

Canadian Airlines in Alliance Talks CALGARY (Bloomberg) — Canadian Airlines International Ltd. and American Airlines announced Thursday that they would hold talks on a strategic alliance, confirming months of speculation. The airlines are discussing equity exchanges, joint marketing and reciprocal services.

The American Airlines president, Robert Crandall, had said on March 11 that the two sides were discussing a business combination. Canadian Airlines, which is controlled by PWA Corp. of Calgary, has made several public statements recently stressing that it had to conclude some form of alliance with a major international carrier in order to survive.

For the Record European Community officials arrived in Washington on Thursday seeking a breakthrough in talks on cutting farm subsidies. The delegation was to meet with U.S. officials just before Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany arrived in Washington, where he was expected to propose a compromise plan.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Table showing World Stock Markets: Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, and others.

A Sweet Deal for Coca-Cola CEO

NEW YORK — Roberto C. Goizueta, chairman and chief executive of Coca-Cola Co., has received a grant of restricted stock that ranks with the largest ever, compensation analyst says.

Mr. Goizueta received a lavish compensation package last year whose centerpiece was 1 million shares of restricted stock that have a market value of about \$81 million. As long as he does not retire before April 1996, the restricted stock carries the same voting and dividend rights as ordinary stock and should be as valuable.

Because this information was buried deep in proxy materials mailed last week, initial news reports focused instead on Mr. Goizueta's salary and bonus, \$3.14 million, about the same as in 1990.

Markets Closed

The stock market in Madrid was closed Thursday for a holiday.

Milan

Table showing Milan stock market data.

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Zurich

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Stockholm

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Toronto

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Revamping At Cable & Wireless

LONDON — Cable & Wireless announced Thursday a reorganization and said the personnel network of its telecommunications unit was being restructured. A consortium of Cable & Wireless and British Telecom is to bring C&W into the mobile and internet services market, analysts said.

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NASDAQ Thursday's Prices

Table showing NASDAQ Thursday's Prices for various stocks.

Market Guide

Table showing Market Guide with columns for market types and prices.



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Japan Cuts Car Export Cap

Gesture Toward U.S. Aims to Ease Tension Over Autos

By Paul Blustein
Washington Post Service
TOKYO — More than a decade after it first put a lid on the number of automobiles it exports to the United States, Japan lowered the ceiling substantially Thursday — but it is far from clear that the latest move will help ailing U.S. automakers much.

The decision to impose a "voluntary" cap of 1.65 million on the number of passenger cars shipped to the United States in the year beginning April 1 is aimed squarely at easing U.S.-Japan tensions over autos, which is perhaps the most politically explosive area of dispute between Washington and Tokyo.

Japanese officials were frank in acknowledging that the move, which lowers the ceiling from the previous level of 2.3 million vehicles, is another in a series of steps away from free trade. The political atmosphere in the United States left little choice, they said.

"It would be best if we could maintain free trade without resorting to such measures," said Kozo Watanabe, minister of international trade and industry, at a news conference. "But staying off protectionism or regionalism in the United States will mean advancing free trade after all."

Sanfu Plans Auto Plant In China

TAIPEI — Sanfu Motors Industrial Co. of Taiwan plans to set up a \$20 million automobile assembly plant in China with the French carmaker Renault, a Sanfu official said Thursday.

The project, which has not yet been finalized, would be the first known investment in China by a Taiwanese automaker. It also appears to challenge a Taiwan government ban on such investments.

The official said Sanfu would avoid violating the ban by making its investment in the name of Lee Yung-yao, a Canadian citizen who is the son of the Sanfu chairman, Lee Shu-tu.

The Sanfu official's comments confirmed a report quoting the company's chairman in the Economic Daily News, a major financial daily.

Economics Minister Vincent Siew said last month that Taiwan's automobile industry was among a number of strategic sectors not permitted to invest in China.

Japanese Steelmakers Predict Big Profit Drop

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TOKYO — The five major Japanese steelmakers expect to post double-digit profit declines for the year ending in March because of the economic slowdown, company officials said Thursday.

Officials at Nippon Steel Corp., the world's largest steelmaker, said pretax profit was expected to drop 37.8 percent from the previous year, to 100 billion yen (\$750 million). The company was the only one of the five to predict a rise in sales, to 2.63 trillion yen, for an increase of 0.8%.

Nippon Steel earlier had estimated profit for the 1991-92 financial year at 110 billion yen. The other steelmakers revised their forecasts downward as well.

NKKK Corp. officials estimated pretax profit at 37 billion yen, down 26.4 percent, on sales of 1.32 trillion yen, off 0.5 percent.

Pretax profit at Kobe Steel Ltd. is expected to fall 11.5 percent, to 50 billion yen, company officials said, while officials at Kawasaki

Hongkong Hotels' Net Falls

Agence France-Press

HONG KONG — Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd., the leading hotel concern in Hong Kong, said Thursday that net profit fell 6 percent in 1991, mainly because of the Gulf War and the recession abroad.

The group, which owns the Peninsula chain, said profit after tax and minority interests was 313 million Hong Kong dollars (\$40.13 million) in 1991, down from 333 million dollars a year earlier.

Hammer Webb-People, the managing director, described the earnings as "a satisfactory result." He said most of the 1991 revenue was generated by the company's property portfolio and nonhotel operations.

Mr. Webb-People gave a pessimistic forecast for this year. "With the continuing recession in several major Western economies, we expect 1992 to show only slow recovery in the hotel and restaurant business," he said.

Dairy Farm Foresees Pickup in 1992

HONG KONG — Dairy Farm International Holdings Ltd. expects a better year in 1992 as tough measures to streamline its Spanish operation start to take effect, Managing Director Owen Price said Thursday.

The food and retail arm of the Jardine Matheson Group posted after-tax profit of \$147 million for 1991, down 3.3 percent from \$152 million the previous year, a fall that was within analysts' expectations. The group announced a final dividend of 3.25 cents a share.

Mr. Price said at a news conference he hoped the restructuring of the Spanish Simgo chain, acquired last year, would result in a smaller loss this year. For 1991, the chain posted a loss of \$8.6 million.

Investor's Asia

Table with columns for Hong Kong Hang Seng, Singapore Straits Times, Tokyo Nikkei 225, and various regional indices with their respective values and percentage changes.

Sources: Reuters, AFP. International Herald Tribune

Very briefly:

- The Asian Development Bank is expected to launch its first Hong Kong dollar bond in April; the seven-year, 500 million Hong Kong dollar (\$64.6 million) issue is to be jointly lead-managed by Wirtley Ltd. and China Development Finance Co.
• Fujii Bank said the former secretary-general of the United Nations, Javier Pérez de Cuellar, would join the advisory board of a joint venture between Fujii and an American partner, James D. Wolfensohn Inc.
• Hyson Development Co., the Hong Kong real estate concern, posted a 19.3 percent increase in net profit for 1991, to 710.5 million Hong Kong dollars (\$91.8 million), on revenue that rose to 1.05 billion dollars from 892.3 million.
• Mitsumi Electronic Co., a Japanese components maker, posted an 80.9 percent increase in current profit for the year that ended Jan. 31, to 2.08 billion yen (\$15.7 million).
• New Zealand's regulatory Commerce Commission said it had withdrawn a court action against Brierley Investments and Qantas Airways of Australia over their stakes in Air New Zealand.
• Hitachi Ltd. plans to relocate employees from its domestic-electric-appliances and semiconductor departments as sales and profitability have slumped, a Hitachi spokesman said.
• South Korea has drafted a plan to set up a commodity futures market dealing in agricultural, fisheries, livestock and manufacturing products from 1994, the government's Office of Supply said.
• Australia's Securities Commission said it would sue former directors of the failed Compass Airlines, which stopped flying Dec. 20, for allegedly operating the airline while it was insolvent.
• Indonesia will receive a \$250 million loan for financial-sector reform from the Asian Development Bank, the bank announced.

Australia Down to 3 Carmakers

SYDNEY — For decades, Australia was a battleground for 14 of the world's carmakers, fighting for local market share. Now, just three competitors are left.

General Motors Corp. finally committed Tuesday to a local marriage of convenience with Toyota Motor Co., the latest to give in to an Australian government push to allow imports to gain market share while forcing local makers to focus on exports.

The joint venture will now control about 33 percent of the car market in Australia while the country's other two carmakers, Ford Motor Co. and Mitsubishi Motor Co., will have about 18 percent and 11 percent respectively.

"We used to have schemes that encouraged small-volume assembly, and there were small plants in each state," said Michael Wynne-Hughes, executive director of the Automotive Industry Authority, which is charged with implementing the government's 15-year liberalization plan. "It was a real mess."

Australia's heavy tariffs, at one time 57.5 percent on imported cars, coupled with import quotas that guaranteed local manufacturers four-fifths of the market, prompted the foreign carmakers to set up their own operations in Australia.

But with car prices too high, the government began to wind back protection. Since late 1984, import quotas have been abolished and tariffs gradually cut with an eye to reaching just 15 percent by the year 2000. Tariffs are currently 35 percent, and are being reduced by 2.5 percentage points every year.

As tariffs dropped, carmakers left. Among those to go were Leyland, Chrysler, Morris, Volkswagen, Renault, Volvo, Mercedes, Triumph and Nash-Rambler. Nissan, whose sales fell by one-third in 1991 despite deep discounting, last month said it would leave after 25 years in Australia.

The merger of the local units of GM and Toyota, which will create a company called United Australian Automotive Industries Ltd., completes the plan.

Sanfu will have a 60 percent stake in the joint venture, while Renault, which has a technical cooperation pact with the Taiwan company, will invest 40 percent, the official said.

The plant, in the central province of Hunan, would have annual production capacity of 10,000 to 20,000 vans or pickup trucks, which would be sold in China and abroad. "The Chinese market is potentially very large," the Sanfu official said.

Industry sources say many Taiwanese automobile companies are eager to invest in China, and at least one other company has already done so secretly.

INTERNATIONAL FUNDS

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SPORTS SOCCER CUPS

French-Trained Arazi Gallops Toward His Place in History

By Ian Thomsen
International Herald Tribune
CHANTILLY, France — The coming of Arazi is heralded by the faraway sound of hurried breathing, but as he draws closer his chestnut profile bobs clear of the gray morning mist...

lievable to me. I thought he would bring at least that much." Paulson took his venturing off the market for \$300,000. Little more than a year later, when the horse had won six consecutive races in France, Paulson was able to sell a half-interest in Arazi for a reported \$7 million to Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum, the defense minister of Dubai and a free spender who owns eight horse farms in Europe.



Arazi, under the jockey Pat Valenzuela, surging to victory in the Breeder's Cup Juvenile in Louisville, Kentucky, in November.

explains Boutin, "but it is not so much his speed. In his origins there are not many speed bloodlines. He's just better." Boutin does not react to tenths of seconds. In the European tradition, he does not carry a stopwatch. Nor has Arazi ever been timed while in training, he says. "Americans look at the clock all the time," says Christian Memmir, Boutin's assistant, while Boutin stares down, pretending there is a stop watch in his hand. "Looking at the clock they know how the clock is made, but they don't know how the horse is made."

Barcelona Blanks Kiev to Remain on Target for Final

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
Barcelona, the Spanish champion, looked destined to celebrate the city's Olympic year with an appearance in the European Champions Cup soccer final after beating Dynamo Kiev, 3-0, at home in the semifinals.

for the rest of the season, the ANP news agency reported on Thursday. He gave an interview to a Dutch Sunday newspaper in which he criticized the club, saying that he was not taken seriously and was "used and abused."

Barcelona's victory — it is the only club unbeaten after four matches in the two four-team groups — put it three points clear of Sparta Prague with two matches left. The result puts the Spanish soccer giant, which has never won the trophy despite three decades of trying, in the strongest position of the eight teams left in the competition. In another semifinal, Sampdoria stamped its authority on the home game in Genoa with two goals in quick succession in the first half.

BOOKS

PATRICK WHITE: A Life
By David Marr. 727 pages. \$30. Alfred A. Knopf Inc., 201 East 50th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022.
Reviewed by Elizabeth Ward
IN 1973, to the mingled pride and bemusement of Australians, the Nobel Prize in Literature was awarded to Patrick White — a difficult and unapologetic writer with a pugnasious jaw, a basilisk stare and a quiverful of position-topped opinions — for introducing "a new continent to literature."

ness of style and shrewdness of literary judgment as well as a frankness about matters such as White's homosexuality that allays any suspicions over Marr's independence. White reportedly did not ask him to cut or change a line. Above all the book brings the monument to full, raising life.

declaration, "I am the stranger of all time," as the epigraph and underlying theme of his book, he also invites us to wonder how this offspring of an idle and philistine grazier's son and a pretentious society matron — "a child with what kind of a strange gift nobody quite knew" — ever came by his rich and sensuous imagination.

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott
ON the diagrammed deal, Ken Cohen went much further and opened the 9-point East hand, vulnerable, with one spade. This almost required his partner, Mary Wolf, to struggle in one no-trump. But South came to the rescue with a bid of two clubs and landed in two no-trump.

PEANUTS

CHARLIE BROWN? IS THAT YOU? I'M GLAD YOU CALLED. YOUR DOG? OH, HE'S FINE.. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING TO HIM? HE'S RIGHT HERE.

BEETLE BAILEY

I'M TAKING THE MEN IN FOR SOME LASER-GUIDED MISSILE TRAINING, SIR. GOOD IDEA. ZAP! PING! WHIRRRRRR. BWAHA BWAHA BWAHA. TARGET ZERO.

CALVIN AND HOBBES

NON FROM NON ON, I DON'T WANT TO BE INTRODUCED AS "CALVIN," SO PLEASE AS PLAIN "CALVIN." I WANT TO BE INTRODUCED AS "CALVIN," SO PLEASE AS PLAIN "CALVIN." BUT YOU HAVE TO DO IT RIGHT. INTRODUCE A LITTLE LATER "BOY," AND SAY "DESTINY" A BIT SLOWER, AND DEEPER FOR EMPHASIS. SAY IT, "BOY OF DESTINY," LIKE THAT? I THINK I'M GOING TO STOP INTRODUCING YOU ALTOGETHER. I WISH YOU HAD INTRODUCED ME AS "CALVIN." SO I COULD BE INTRODUCED TO CHRIS AFTER YOU SAID IT.

WIZARD of ID

HI... WANT TO BUY SOME CANDY TO SEND THE BAND TO COMPETITION? WHERE'S THAT? THE FRENCH RIVIERA. HI... WANT TO BUY SOME CANDY?

REX MORGAN

I HAVE TO GO TO WATCH THE FIGHT. DON'T WORRY, DUSTY— I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER. SHE GETS ONE OF THESE PILLS AT NOON WITH LUNCH— DON'T FORGET! CHECK! WOULD YOU GO OUT?

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I'LL HAVE THE SPAGHETTI, IRMA. DO YOU WANT THAT ON A PLATE? OF COURSE I DO! WELL, EXCUSE ME... I'M A PERSON TOO, YOU KNOW! I'LL JUST HAVE A SMALL SLICE OF LIFE, THANK YOU.

DOONESBURY

OHAY, B.D. YOURS UP. UP'S NOT USE THE SCOTT. JUST GIVE ME YOUR PEARLHAMS. HI, THIS IS GULF WAR VET BUD! YOU KNOW, WHEN ANY BUSINESS MAN COMES TO TOWN, THERE WAS THIS GUY WHO LIVED IN THE BUDMANIAN— AND SAID "DON'T SEND HIM THE GUY'S TOO TOUGH!" IT WAS TOUGH, BUT NOT ANY TOUGHER THAN COMING HOME TO A FULL-BLOWN RESISTANCE! BUD FOR OUR COUNTRY! AND YOU CAN'T EVEN GET YOURS! DOES BUD CARE? NOOD. BUD IS TOO DRIVEN BY HIS TO, TO, LA!

DENNIS THE MENACE

"MRS WILSON SAYS YOU'RE LUCKY TO HAVE ME. THINK ABOUT THAT!"

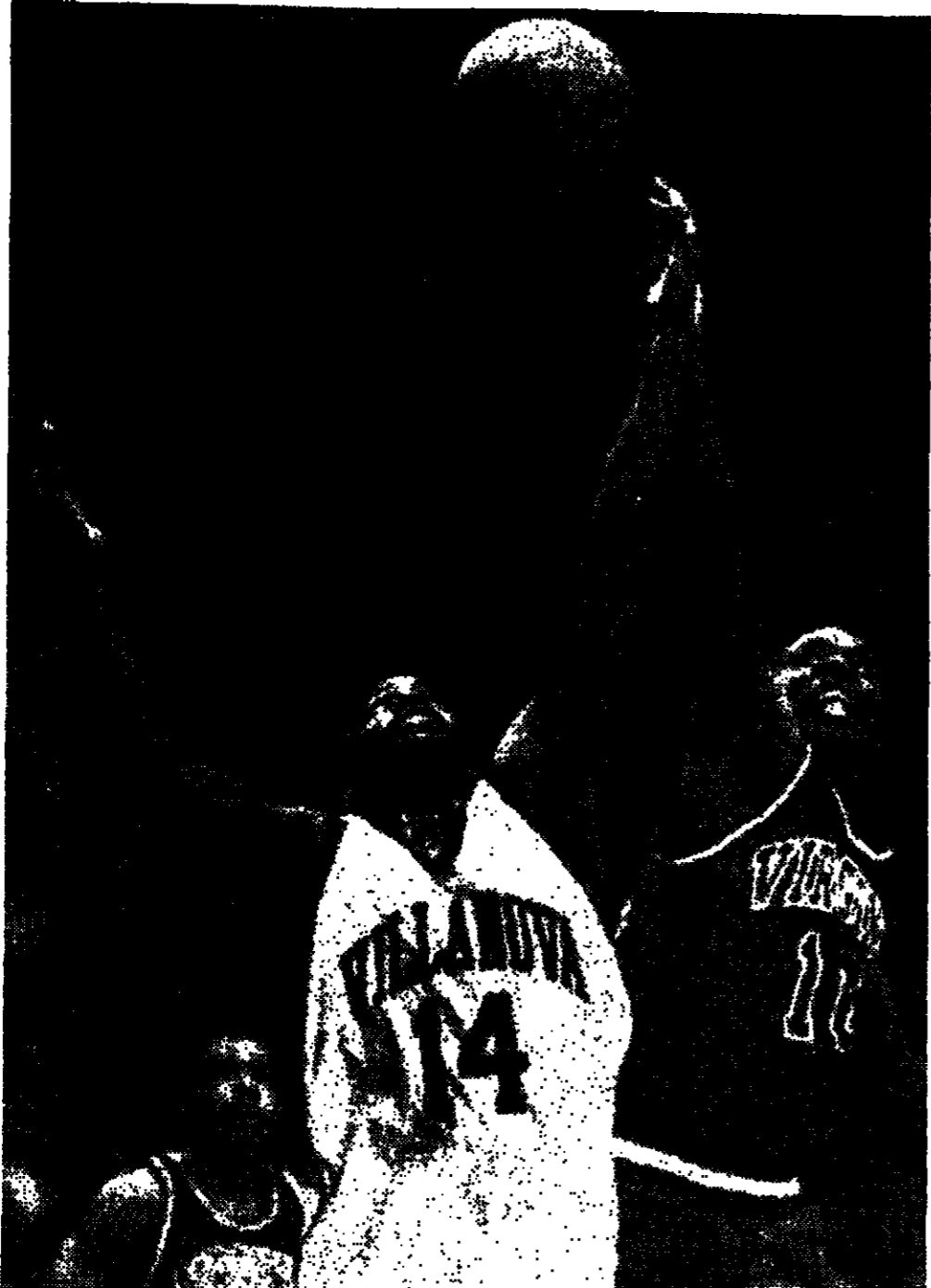
JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE FOUR JUMBLE, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS. HORAC, ILEEX, NOALOS, TOPATE. WHY THAT TAILOR SHOP WAS CLOSED. New arrange the carded letters to form the words or letters as suggested by the above cartoon.

BLONDIE

IT WAS YOUR MISTAKE! NO IT WASN'T. I SAY THAT! AND I KNOW THAT IT WASN'T! I LOVE THE ART OF NEGOTIATION. ADMIT IT WAS YOUR MISTAKE OR YOU'RE FIRED! IT WAS MY MISTAKE!

SPORTS BASKETBALL



North Carolina Survives Miami Barrage

Dean Smith became the winningest coach in National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament history on Thursday when North Carolina survived a barrage of 3-pointers and beat Miami of Ohio, 68-63, behind 22 points from Eric Montross in Cincinnati. The outcome was in doubt until Miami's Jamie Mercurio missed a desperate attempt to tie it on a 30-footer with four seconds left. North Carolina's Hubert Davis, fouled immediately, made both free throws to clinch it.

Lance Miller, left, and Anthony Oliver were an even match, but Virginia came out the winner, 83-80.

Pitt Ousts Penn State in NIT Opener

The Pittsburgh-Penn State rivalry is one of the best in college sports, and it does not matter if it is football or basketball. The football rivalry is famous. But until a break in relations in 1982, the Panthers and Nittany Lions had also met 138 times in basketball — with Penn State holding a 74-64 edge. Wednesday night, the teams resumed their rivalry in the National Invitation Tournament. This time, Pitt survived, 67-65.

Look Again: NFL Owners Pull Plug On the Instant Replay After 6 Years

By Thomas George
PHOENIX — After six years of one-year renewals and constant consternation over the merits of its use, instant replay was eliminated for the 1992 National Football League season in a surprising 17-11 vote by the NFL owners here. Although a majority was in favor of instant replay, 21 votes were needed to retain it.

A Cricket Showdown for Pakistan In Semifinal, New Zealand Hopes to Avenge Only Loss

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Pakistan's cricketers are confident of beating New Zealand again in Saturday's World Cup semifinal and of going on to win the trophy, the team's manager, Imran Khan, said Thursday. Whichever side wins, it will be its first final.

SCOREBOARD: BASKETBALL NBA Standings. Includes tables for Eastern, Central, and Western conferences with win/loss records.

SKING Women's World Cup

The results Thursday in the final Super-Giant slalom of the season at Crans Montana, Switzerland: 1. Carole Merle (France), 1 min. 30.17 sec.; 2. Marlene Fiebert (Austria), 1:31.45; 3. Marielle Goepfert (France), 1:31.92; 4. Eva Twardochleb (Czech Rep.), 1:33.85.

BASEBALL Exhibition

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS: Cincinnati 5, Los Angeles 4; Boston 5, Pittsburgh 3; Houston 5, Atlanta 2; Toronto 7, Kansas City 1; Minnesota 5, Chicago White Sox 3; Texas 5, Detroit 2.

SOCCER ENGLISH FA CUP

Norwich 2, Southampton 1; Sunderland 2, Chelsea 1. ENGLISH FIRST DIVISION: Nottingham Forest 1, Manchester United 0.

TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL

CHICAGO — Acquired in trade with Joey Cora, infielder, on 3-year contract; and Tommy Sosa, outfielder, and Chris Gwosdz, infielder, on 1-year contract. Released Alvin Halverson, pitcher.

SIDELINES

Kronberger Wins 3d Overall Title

CRANS MONTANA, Switzerland (AP) — Petra Kronberger of Austria sewed up her third straight women's overall World Cup skiing title on Thursday by finishing 19th in the final super-giant slalom of the season.

Messaggero Roma Wins Korac Cup

PESARO, Italy (AP) — Messaggero Roma won European basketball's Korac Cup, upsetting Scavolini Pesaro, 90-86, in their second-leg final of the club tournament.

For the Record

Aranza Sanchez Vicario ousted Jennifer Capriati, 6-2, 6-4, Thursday in the semifinals at the International Players Championships in Florida. On Wednesday, Capriati beat top-ranked Monica Seles.

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Advertisement for AT&T USADirect Service, featuring the slogan 'OUT OF YOUR ELEMENT?' and a list of international dial access numbers.

OBSERVER

Ganga Nostra Days

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — The rich com- plete of gangster lore filling New York newspapers takes me back to 1935, when I entertained the idea of a career in gangstering. I had seen Paul Muni and George Raft do it and admired the elegant cars, expensive suits and fancy fedoras that were standard gangster equipment.

On the negative side, Muni and Raft spent a lot of time listening to Am Dvorak sing about Casey Jones at the piano. Joan Blondell tickling the ivories at my bedside might have been tolerable, but Am Dvorak was not my type.

The job-related risk of being shot wasn't as forbidding then as it is now. In those days bullets entering shot gangsters like Edward G. Robinson, James Cagney and George Raft went in neatly and the shot party grabbed his rib cage like a man remembering too late that it was his wife's birthday, grimaced and collapsed tastelessly.

It looked quick and painless, quite different from the abattoir mess we've come to expect nowadays every time we check out a passed gangster from the video shop. Why then did I turn down the job? Because of the complexity of the rules.

Gangstering had more rules than baseball, in which I was also interested. In fact I would never have considered the gangster life if Bill Terry had offered to groom me to replace Dick Barrett at shortstop for the New York Giants.

The rules of gangstering were so complex that I was amazed the average gangster could master them. Take the nickname problem: "What's your nickname?" a person- al man asked me. I didn't have one. "Rules say you got to have a nick- name," he said, so I said, "Fats."

"Whattaya wanna scuttle across the floors of sandy seas with the lobsters?" he said. (This was 1935, remember, I gather from movies that high-flow poetic borrowings are now against the rules and peo- ple are asked simply if they yearn to "sleep with the fishes." Such is the decline of delicacy in our era.)

By choosing "Fats" I had broken a rule that forbids anybody below the rank of underboss to use irony. The irony in my choice of "Fats" arose from the fact that I was 5 feet

5 inches tall and weighed only 59 pounds. I would have been taken for a ride immediately if I had been a little older, but the rules, I was told, stated that no children or women could be taken for a ride, shot in the kneecaps or forced to eat bro- coli more than three times a week.

Even more dangerous than in- fringing on the bosses' exclusive right to irony was a violation of the dread code of the buttoned lip ("Boutonnez! Toujours bouton- nez!") which prescribed death for such infractions as:

- (1) Telling the police who shot you your knecaps.
(2) Warning your best pal to get out of town if he wants to escape being served a six-course broccoli dinner.
(3) Mentioning aloud the name of the gangster organization you work for.

How is it possible to conduct gangster business without violating this last rule? By giving the organiza- tion a code name. Nowadays the code name seems to be Cosa No- stra ("Our Thing"), but in 1935 it was Ganga Nostra ("Our Gang").

Suppose your organization need- your help in a business operation. The term "Ganga Nostra" let you know the orders were official with- out requiring anyone to utter the organization's unspeakable name.

For instance: Your phone rang. A man important enough to use irony said, "Be at Otto's Veggie Bar to- night to help Ganga Nostra put six courses of broccoli into your best pal so we can fill him full of bullet holes and watch the green run out."

These few examples hardly begin to plumb the complexity of the rules gang members had to learn in 1935. Fortunately for me, 1935 was the year James Cagney, though misled by a crime boss, joined the FBI after his pal was killed by gangsters, and starred in "G-Men."

Shortly after that I turned 11 and became far more interested in Joan Blondell than in tommy guns, which is probably why I am here to write nostalgic about it. Can you imagine Marlon Brando calling a sitdown of all the bosses to say, "The kid can't help being hopelessly addicted to irony — let's give him a break?"

Not a prayer. My knecaps ache at the mere thought of it.

New York Times Service

A Wright Building in Jeopardy in Tokyo

By James Sterngold

TOKYO — The building, dilapidated but distinctive, still stands on a quiet back street. Inside, the signature stone work, lamps and window designs are intact and the original furniture, though battered and worn, remains much as Frank Lloyd Wright left it. Most remarkable is that this is not a museum.

The Jiyu Gakuen, or the Freedom School, was designed by Wright in 1921 for a token fee as a way of encouraging a new egalitarian spirit in Imperial Japan. The handsome structure became a poi- gnant symbol of the brief flowering of Western-style liberalism in the prewar era. Today, Jiyu Gakuen remains a symbol, but of how soaring land values are reshaping Japan's urban landscape and of how little, experts say, is being done by the government to preserve the country's modern architectural heritage. There are concerns that Wright's building, which the school no longer uses for classes, may be razed because the land underneath has grown so valuable.

It is a story that preservationists say is being played out often these days. Al- though this history-obsessed nation has been careful to save thousands of old tem- ples and shrines, it has done surprisingly little to hold on to the most important architecture produced since the Meiji restoration, when Japan commenced its dash toward industrialization.

According to the Cultural Affairs Agency here, 3,417 structures in Japan have been designated Important Cultural Assets, the equivalent of landmark status. But only 136 of these are so-called West- ern-style buildings from the modern era. The problem at Wright's Jiyu Gakuen, the last remaining untouched building he designed in Japan, is similar to that at other important sites; the Cultural Affairs Agency says it has indicated an interest in designating the site a landmark, but the school's board has refused.

Although such approval is not required by the law, in practice the agency will not proceed without a willing owner, said Sa- toshi Miyazawa, the director of the bureau that manages the process.

"We are generally satisfied with the way designated buildings are being preserved," said Masaru Maeno, a professor of archi- tectural history at the Tokyo National Uni- versity of Fine Arts and Music. "The prob- lem is that much of the architecture that ought to be designated is not. The process only begins when the owner agrees. Too much is being lost because of this practice. Jiyu Gakuen is just one very bad example." The motivation for a refusal is all too clear in the case of Wright's building; the



Interior of Frank Lloyd Wright's Jiyu Gakuen building in Tokyo.

land, near a bustling commercial district in the north of Tokyo, is estimated to be worth more than \$300 million, according to the school.

"At the moment we don't plan to develop the site but to preserve the building," said Gyo Hani, the school's president and a nephew of the couple who founded the school. "But the time might come when the school might face a crisis and we would want to sell the land — land is so valuable these days — to meet the needs of the school."

Hani said the problem with landmark designation was that it restricts what can be done with the property. The govern- ment must approve all work done on a building and usually forbids any changes. He added that one option the school's board is considering is to divide the prop- erty and preserve only a portion of the structure. Some have proposed moving the whole structure to another site. Such thoughts horrify many preservationists. "It's an integral design," said Raku

Endo, an architect and son of Arata Endo, the Japanese architect who worked closely on the building with Wright. "You have to save the whole thing if you're going to save it. It would be a disaster to try anything else."

The school was started by Yoshikazu Hani and his wife, Motoko. She was among the first women to be a newspaper reporter in Japan, and started with her husband a progressive magazine for housewives. They decided to open a new kind of school when they grew weary of the rote learning and competitive nature of typical schools, still a characteristic of Japanese education.

The Christian-oriented Jiyu Gakuen, at first open to girls only, developed a creed of Emersonian self-reliance and egalitarianism. The students were judged on qual- ity in addition to their test scores, includ- ing composition and athletic ability. They also grew and prepared much of their own food, sewed their own clothes and were trained in the arts.

PEOPLE

Church Won't Recognize Kennedy's Marriage

Senator Edward M. Kennedy's forthcoming marriage won't have the blessing of the Roman Catholic Church. The Kennedy clan is reportedly thrilled about his engage- ment to a Washington lawyer, Victoria Reggie, but Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston says that as far as the church is concerned, Kennedy is still married to Joan Bennett Kennedy. The 60-year-old senator and his wife of 22 years divorced 10 years ago. Law says that, barring an annulment, the marriage to Reggie would not be recognized and Kennedy would be considered ex- traneous from the church.

The Irish rock band U2 is trying to quell a flap arising from a news- paper report that the words "Bomb Japan Now" flashed on TV screens during a concert. The words occur separately in a stream of words that flash by, the group's public relations officer says. A portion of the stream reads: "... everyone is a racist except you bomb whom ul- timately Japan chaos I want every- thing I want it now gun ..."

The problem is not money. Miyazawa said the national and local governments provided as much as 90 percent of the funds needed to rehabilitate a designated building, and no one doubts that Jiyu Gakuen would require extensive rehabili- tation. Raku Endo said it could cost as much as \$5 million. Its copper roof, perhaps ruined already with a coating of tar, has sprung numerous leaks. The walls are cracked and have been badly repaired in places. Some columns are leaning dangerously. The electrical system needs to be replaced.

The battle to save the Jiyu Gakuen is unlikely to be as emotional as the struggle over Wright's most famous Japanese building, the Imperial Hotel, a spectacular fantasy in brick and stone. Wright occasionally referred to that landmark structure, covered with an ebullient and eclectic mix of ornamentation, as his masterpiece. But it, too, fell into disrepair and the hotel's owners had it torn down in 1967 to make way for a larger development, in spite of fierce resistance from some archi- tects and historians.

One small portion of the sprawling Im- perial was salvaged, but in a manner that appalls many preservationists. Part of the lobby was taken apart and reassembled at a site, three hours by train west of Tokyo, in a sort of theme park called Meiji Mura, or Meiji Village.

The rural location is filled with several dozen structures from that idealistic era, with schools, civic buildings and even part of a prison set alongside a lake amid rolling hills. One of Japan's first steam en- gines pulls its way around the site. But it is eerily devoid of life, and some architects refer to it as a graveyard.

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Advertisement for 'Inside the New Europe' book, providing contact information for the publisher and a list of branch offices.

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